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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD PM TO DISCUSS LAW OF SEA DURING TRIP

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1. PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS PLANS TO MAKE LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS A MAJOR TOPIC IN HIS FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS (REF A) INCLUDING ONE HE HAS ALLEGEDLY REQUESTED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTIONS JUNE 15 AT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT

DEVOTED TO "THE THREAT TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY."  
ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, DR. WILLIAMS WILL RAISE  
THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATE TO ITS  
TERRITORIAL WATERS AND CONTINENTAL SHELF AND WILL ASK THE  
SUPER POWERS TO CONSIDER MAKING THE CARIBBEAN A "SPECIAL  
CASE." HE WILL ALSO RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER CASTRO  
AS PART OF ORGANIZING A COLLECTIVE REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE  
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PROPOSALS ABOUT THE CARIBBENA,  
DR. WILLIAMS REVEALED THAT, AS CHAIRMAN OF ECLA, HE HAD  
WRITTEN TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECLA, REQUESTING THAT  
THE NEW CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO  
CONSIDER A COMMON CARIBBEAN POSITION "AIMED AT SECURING  
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A SPECIAL REGIME FOR THE  
CARIBBEAN MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL ARCHIPELAGO." SUCH A REGIME  
SHOULD, HE SAID, GIVE ALL CARIBBEAN STATES EQUAL RIGHTS  
AND ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE CARIBBEAN SEA. DURING HIS TRIP  
HE SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION  
BY THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS OF ECLA IN THE COMMITTEE'S WORK  
BECAUSE AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE AN AGREED POSITON MUST INCLUDE  
NON-INDEPENDENT ENTITIES SUCH AS PUERTO RICO, GUADELOUPE,  
ANGUILLA, AND THE NETHERLAND ANTILLES.  
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3. COMMENT: DR. WILLIAMS' PLAN TO STIMULATE THE "ACTIVE  
PARTICIPATION" OF NON-CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF  
THE CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE STANDS IN EXTREME CONTRAST TO HIS  
POSITION DURING THE ECLA CONFERENCE LAST MONTH WHEN HE  
PROPOSED THE FORMATION OF THIS SAME COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY  
TO EXCLUDE THESE SAME NON-CARIBBEAN STATES. WE ARE AT  
A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THIS COMPLETE REVERSAL.  
WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE  
SUBSTANCE OF AND MOTIVATION BEHIND THE NEW TRINIDADIAN  
INITIATIVE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.  
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